

## MAGNA CARTA - CLASSIC ENGLAND CRUISE

### Henley-on-Thames to Hampton Court

#### Sunday, Day 1 Henley-on-Thames

Guests are met at the Stafford Hotel in central London\*\* for afternoon English Cream Tea, before being transferred by private chauffeured minibus to the Magna Carta. Enjoy a champagne welcome and an introduction to your crew, and perhaps an evening stroll along the towpath. Dinner on board.



#### Monday, Day 2 Henley-on-Thames to Hurley

After breakfast, we drive to Oxford for a fascinating tour of Christ Church, Oxford's grandest college, founded by Cardinal Wolsey and then again by King Henry VIII. The magnificent surroundings were also where Lewis Carroll wrote Alice in Wonderland. After lunch, we cruise the famous Regatta Mile, where every July, rowing teams from around the world compete in front of champagne and Pimms-fuelled crowds, then continue through fabulous countryside to Hurley. Here we tour Peter Freebody's boatyard nearby and watch in wonder as the traditional craftsmen build and restore classic wooden craft. We have time to explore the ancient village, including Ye Olde Belle, reputed to be the oldest inn in the country, before returning to the hotel barge. Dinner on board.



#### Tuesday, Day 3 Hurley to Cliveden

After breakfast, we cruise through Marlow to Cookham, where we visit the Stanley Spencer Gallery in Cookham which celebrates the paintings of one of England's greatest and most eccentric artists. We also take a walk around this picturesque village he once described as 'Heaven on Earth' and where he painted much of his work, then continue our cruise into the spectacular Cliveden Reach to our exclusive mooring on the Cliveden estate. Dinner on board.



#### Wednesday, Day 4 Cliveden to Windsor

This morning, we take a tour of the Cliveden estate. Once home to the Astor family, it has amazing gardens and was, of course, the scene of much political scandal and intrigue. After lunch, we cruise past the fabulous waterside houses of Bray to our mooring right in the heart of Royal Windsor. We enjoy a late afternoon tour of the Tudor manor house, Dorney Court, a very special home that has been owned by the Palmer family for more than 450 years and used regularly as a film location. Dinner on board.



### Thursday, Day 5 Windsor to Shepperton

A morning tour of Windsor Castle, a short walk from our mooring. Built by William the Conqueror in 1066 and a royal home for over 900 years, this is the largest inhabited castle in the world. We explore the State Apartments and St George's Chapel, see Queen Mary's Dolls House and enjoy the far-reaching views. During lunch, we cruise and enjoy breathtaking views of the castle and past the meadows of Runnymede and Magna Carta Island, where in 1215 King John was forced to meet the powerful barons and seal the historic document. We have the option to use the spa facilities of the Runnymede-on-Thames Hotel, then continue our cruise to our secluded overnight mooring near Shepperton lock. Dinner on board.



### Friday, Day 6 Shepperton to Hampton Court Palace

After breakfast, we spend the morning cruising through countryside and the delightful riverside towns and locks of Sunbury and Molesey to our special final mooring right by Hampton Court Palace. After lunch, we explore the magnificent Palace, touring Henry VIII's apartments and the Royal Chapel, feel the chill in the haunted gallery and wonder at the Tudor kitchens. Outside, the gardens are stunning, with The Great Vine, the oldest in the country still producing grapes and the famous maze. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.



### Saturday, Day 7 Hampton Court Palace

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to central London\*\*.

\*\* Other locations available for Private Charter bookings

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### Hampton Court to Henley-on-Thames

### Sunday, Day 1 Hampton Court Palace

Guests are met at the Stafford Hotel in central London\*\* for afternoon English Cream Tea, before being transferred by private chauffeured minibus to Magna Carta. Champagne reception and welcome by the Captain and crew. Dinner on board.



### Monday, Day 2 Hampton Court Palace to Runnymede

This morning we explore the magnificent Hampton Court Palace. We tour Henry VIII's apartments and the Royal Chapel, feel the chill in the haunted gallery and wonder at the Tudor kitchens. Outside, the gardens are breathtaking with The Great Vine, the oldest in the country still producing grapes and the famous maze. After lunch, we cruise through a number of locks including Sunbury and Molesey to moor at Runnymede. Dinner on board.





### **Tuesday, Day 3 Runnymede to Windsor**

After breakfast, we have the option to use the spa facilities of the newly refurbished Runnymede-on-Thames Hotel. Then we cruise to Windsor, past the Magna Carta Memorial and Magna Carta Island where in 1215, King John was forced to meet the powerful barons and seal the historic document. Our afternoon excursion is to Windsor Castle. Built by William the Conqueror in 1066 and a royal home for over 900 years by the Royal Family, this is the largest inhabited castle in the world. We explore the State Apartments, see Queen Mary's Dolls House, St George's Chapel and enjoy the far-reaching views. Dinner on board.



### **Wednesday, Day 4 Windsor to Cliveden**

This morning we take a short drive to the Tudor manor house of Dorney Court, a very special home that has been owned by the Palmer family for more than 450 years and used regularly as a film location. Later, we cruise upstream past the fabulous waterside houses of Bray and through the spectacular Cliveden Reach to our exclusive mooring on the Cliveden estate. Once home to the Astor family, it has amazing gardens and was, of course, the scene of much political scandal and intrigue. Dinner on board.



### **Thursday, Day 5 Cliveden to Hurley**

After breakfast, we cruise further upstream to visit the Stanley Spencer Gallery in Cookham and take a walk around the village he once described as 'Heaven on Earth', before cruising through Marlow to Hurley. We tour Peter Freebody's boatyard nearby and watch in wonder as the traditional craftsmen build and restore classic wooden craft. We have time to explore the ancient village, including Ye Olde Bell, reputed to be the oldest inn in the country, before returning to the hotel barge. Dinner on board.



### **Friday, Day 6 Hurley to Henley-on-Thames**

A morning cruise to Henley-on-Thames through fabulous countryside to our final mooring along the famous Henley Regatta Rowing Course. Then, an earlier lunch, followed by a drive to Oxford for a fascinating tour of Christ Church, Oxford's grandest college, founded by Cardinal Wolsey and then again by King Henry VIII. The magnificent surroundings were also where Lewis Carroll wrote Alice in Wonderland. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.



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